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Kingston AMVETS Honored at Bill Signing
Barcia sponsored PA 153 of 2005 renames portion of M-46

(LANSING) A portion of M-46 from M-24 in Tuscola County to M-53 in Sanilac County now will be known as the "AMVETS Memorial Scenic Drive" after a bill sponsored by Senator Jim Barcia (D-Bay City) was signed into law by Governor Jennifer M. Granholm. To honor the enactment of PA 153 of 2005, a special ceremony was held on Thursday, October 6, 2005 by Governor Granholm and Senator Barcia with representatives of the Kingston AMVETS Post 1072 in attendance. Commander Ray Caverly, Adjutant Don Lotter, 1st Vice Commander Roger Maynard, Trustee Bob Phillips and Member Jerry Lynch traveled to Lansing for the occasion.

"This is a wonderful way to recognize our nation's veterans", said Adjutant Don Lotter. "Our way of life and our enjoyment of freedom are preserved by all the men and women who have served and now serve in our armed forces."

In his continuing effort to recognize and address the issues presented by military service, Sen. Barcia recently introduced legislation to require employers to offer up to 10 days bereavement time to the immediate family of servicemen and women who lose their lives while on active duty. "Our veterans and military families deserve to be both honored and supported, especially at a time when our country is engaged in armed conflict", said Barcia. "I am thrilled that our Kingston AMVETS will be honored with the renaming of M-46 and am hopeful that the Legislature will continue to recognize the sacrifice of military service by assisting the families of fallen heroes."

Editor's note: A picture of the October 6, 2005 bill signing ceremony is available at <http://www.senate.mi.gov/barcia/pr100605.htm>

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